

TOOK GOLF TO AFGHANISTAN

Scottish Mining Engineer Taught the Ameer the Ancient and Honorable Game.

Afghanistan, which has kept itself as free as any place in the Orient from western institutions, has finally succumbed to the charms of golf. The sponsor of the royal and ancient game is the ameer himself, who is rapidly becoming an expert player under the tutelage of a Scottish mining engineer. This Scotchman went to Kabul looking for mining concessions. He took with him his bag of clubs on the remote chance of finding golf links in a country which had cherished a prejudice against any game played with a ball since the time of Omar Khayyam. He soon discovered that the monarch was fonder of talking sport than business.

When he spoke enthusiastically of the Scottish royal game, the ameer lost no time in putting a corps of sappers and miners to work constructing a course under the direction of the visitor. Since that time the ameer has become a devoted exponent of the game and he has attained a fair degree of proficiency. But no matter what his skill, he bids fair to remain champion of the country, for it is not considered politic to defeat a man who enjoys the power of life and death over every one of his subjects.

The game has reduced the girth of the ameer and improved his health, but he is afraid of overdoing it, so at his winter capital he is having built a miniature links de luxe, limited in size and as smooth as a tennis lawn. Here he will play the game without any of the bunkers or hazards usually provided by the ordinary course.

SMALL TOWNS SHOW DECLINE

While the Country Increases in Population Small Places Have Lost Many Residents.

A striking warning that the towns are losing their population more rapidly than the open country was sounded at the twenty-sixth annual convention in Kansas City of the Southwestern Lumbermen's association, the Survey states. The organization comprise 1,900 retail dealers in Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas.

Nine states were cited in which 6,956 towns lost population, while the population of the whole country increased 21 per cent. Out of 277 county seats in these nine states, 217, or nearly 28 per cent, lost population, although they are the political, administrative and business centers of population.

This decline of the town is greatest in the richest and most thickly settled parts of the nine states. Wisconsin lost population in 346 towns, Missouri in 540, Iowa in 564, Indiana in 639, Michigan in 677, New York in 746, Illinois in 788, Ohio in 1,136, Pennsylvania in 1,320.

He Didn't Mind the Crowd.

The most embarrassing moment of my life was when I once entertained a young man friend at our camp at a popular lake, on Sunday, writes a Chicago Tribune correspondent. The young man had been very attentive all during our acquaintanceship but I never had thought the affair serious.

I went to the car with him and, as usual, there was a crowd there. We stood back until the others were on board and then he stepped on the first step and stood talking.

As the car started, I held out my hand to say good-by and he held it so firmly that I could not escape. Then he leaned over and kissed me on the head while I ran along beside the moving car in sight of all our camp friends.



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Windmill at Cemetery

For a long time people who have relatives and friends at rest in the Liberal cemetery have felt the desire to start the growth of flowers and trees at this place but have never done so because water was not available. Last week, the township board, Joe Dunlap, Guy LeMonnier and Chas. W. Ellsasser had a windmill erected there and to those who desire to improve their lots water will be furnished. David Curtis will look after the water supply and a tank and buckets will be furnished for the use of the public. The grounds need cleaning and if the board is not able to have this work done now since the well has been put down and the windmill bought the people of Liberal should turn out in mass and get the cemetery in fine shape for decoration day.

Liberty Items

Mr. Koppisch and family were visitors at the Gentzler home Friday.

Will Graham's windmill blew down last Thursday.

C. E. Corkins' mustache came very nearly blowing off Thursday.

Mrs. Gentzler has been on the sick list.

J. H. Gentzler and son are hauling sand.

E. J. Fitzgerald is listing corn.

E. J. Fitzgerald has one silo completed.

The wind blew J. H. Gentzler's header barge to pieces Monday. The old gent was in it himself but was not hurt.

I notice that Wm. Dale called at his mother's home Sunday.

John Schmidt bought a new lister Monday.

Mr. Kelly is getting a little ahead of the season; he is fixing up his header to cut wheat.

Ruby Lancelott returned home Sunday from Obern.

J. J. Leighty and wife who have been here for some time visiting their daughter, Mrs. Wm. Ward left Wednesday for their home in Carthage, Missouri.

Alma

It can surely blow, even though it can't rain.

The sale at Eli Taylors Wednesday, April 22 was well attended, and everything sold well.

Ward came to this vicinity that a baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Taylor, who moved from here to Richmond, Missouri.

Etta Hammontree spent Friday evening with Anna Briar.

Julia Norris visited with Anna Dettmer Sunday.

Lee Swan is staying at Mr. Grossman's this week. Mr. Grossman was kicked Sunday and received a severe injury but is reported some better at this writing.

Henry Dettmer and Charles Tils have begun planting corn and broom corn.

Etta Hammontree and Anna Briar spent Saturday evening with Anna Dettmer.

Mrs. Erlewine is delivering little chickens in Liberal this week.

Mrs. Grimsley is possessor of a horse and bran new buggy.

Will and Ed Briar brought a large tank home Tuesday.

Meessers Dettmer and Tils took their cattle to Chas. Light's pasture Saturday.

Earl Taylor is visiting his parents Eli Taylor and wife this week.

Mr. Dettmer visited with Mr. Dodd Sunday.

Ralph Erlewine, Guy Taylor, Lee Swan, Albert Augerot and Will Briar spent Sunday at the Dettmer home.

Friday April, 24, was the last day of school and the patrons came about noon with well filled baskets and every one enjoyed the good dinner prepared, then after dinner a short program was rendered, after which the pupils and patrons surprised the teacher, Miss Briar by showering beautiful gifts on her. Every one seemed to enjoy the day.

Kismet Items

Ralph Hinman of near Greensburg was here on business last week.

Mr. Smith will have a public sale at Kismet next Saturday.

Rollin Fellers children have the whooping cough.

Mr. Massoni president of the Farmers Equity here attended the all day meeting at Plains one day last week.

Rev. Hedden gave us an excellent sermon Sunday morning Text "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God that he may exalt you in due time."

Do not forget the Sunday school convention May 2, at the school house. Expect some enthusiastic speakers from Liberal and other places. Come.

We came near getting that rain Monday afternoon. It went on toward Plains and most of it fell before it got there.

The Watkins man Mr. Myers is in the community. He brought us a good rain when he was here last year. At the present writing indications are that we will have some rain.

We understand that Mrs. Massoni goes to Hutchinson this week for an operation.

Several Rock Island men are in town putting in a new boiler at the pump station. Mr. Williams will find his surroundings improved when he returns.

Can You Write Hail Insurance?

We desire to appoint a few more "rustlers" to write hail insurance. Its time to get busy. Come in and see us. Griffith & Baughman ad 215 1



Mrs. C. J. Stevens came down from Pratt the first of the week to stay a few days with her parents, T. J. McDermott and wife.

BARGAIN SPECIALS

25 dozen 12-qt. Galvanized Pails, 25 dozen 12-qt. Enameled Water Pails, 12 dozen 8, 10 and 12 qt. Preserving Kettles

Sat. Morning, May 22

We will make the following prices on Pails and Preserving Kettles

 <p>8, 10, 12 qt. Enameled Kettles 19c each</p>	<p>12-qt. Enameled Water Pails 39c Each</p> 
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The above goods are all Guaranteed, better come early before they are all gone



12-qt. Galv. Water Pail 11c each

The ladies' waiting room at the Southwestern Hardware Co. has all been newly papered and painted.

The Southwestern Hardware Co.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS—CREAM SEPARATORS

Forgan, Okla. Liberal, Kansas Hugoton, Kansas

Not in the Trust

EGGS

15c a Dozen

CASH

War With Mexico

is nothing compared with the war the farmers of Kansas have had trying to get what their Eggs, Poultry, Butter Fat, Hides and other produce was worth.

Not in the Trust

G. S. Hides 11c Per Pound CASH

We are locating in Liberal to buy and sell PRODUCE on the market, and when the market goes up we go up, and when it goes down, we will have to go down, as we are going to be satisfied with a small margin for our share of the profits.

Green Salt Hides, delivered to Liberal, per pound	11c
Green Salt Hides, delivered to Liberal, side brands, per pound	9c
Glue Hides delivered to Liberal, per pound	6c
Hens, four pounds and over, delivered to Liberal, per pound	11c
Hens, under four pounds, delivered to Liberal, per pound	10c
Roosters, all kinds, delivered to Liberal, per pound	5c
Ducks, full feathered, delivered to Liberal, per pound	6c
Geese, full feathered, delivered to Liberal, per pound	6c

EGGS, 15c

A DOZEN IN CASH

YES--we buy Cream, if you live in other towns around Liberal send us your name.

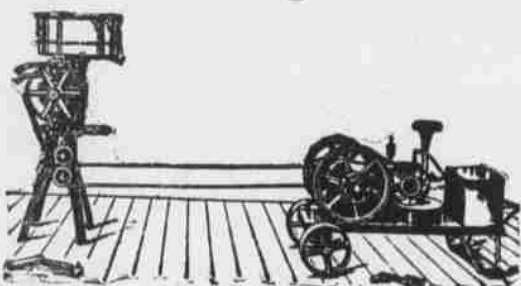
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Cash Buyer of Produce

R. D. Erdman, Mgr. Liberal, Ks.

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The IHC Line GRAIN AND HAY MACHINES
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Oil and Gas Engines, Oil Tractors, Mower Spreaders, Cream Separators, Farm Wagons, Motor Trucks, Thrashers, Grain Drills, Feed Grinders, Knife Grinders, Binder Twine

PIGS and calves thrive and grow fat when fed with warm, skim milk.

You cannot get warm skim milk to feed them unless there is a cream separator on your farm. There is money enough in this one advantage to pay for a cream separator the first year. This is specially true if you buy a close skimming, durable International Harvester cream separator—Lily, Bluebell or Dairymaid.

These separators have all the points which make cream separators good. They have the balanced bowl, the self-adjusting neck bearing, the tool steel spindles, the bronze bushings, the spiral gears, the low supply can, the high skim milk spout, and the open, sanitary base, without which no separator can be satisfactory.

Some dealer near you handles IHC separators. If you do not know, write us and we will tell you who he is. We will also send you our cream separator book which tells you why it pays so well to buy an IHC separator.

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